



Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society

May 2016

The Old Stone Fort Archaeological Society will meet **Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 pm** at the Old Stone Fort Museum in Manchester, Tennessee. The purpose of this Society is to learn more about prehistoric Native American cultures and the early historic period of Tennessee. Our meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month and are **free** and open to the public. Our program this month:

Ms. Marsha Welch

who will present

A Fort Unknown: A Tale of Metal Detecting, Rifle Pits, and Civil War Espionage in Bolivar, Tennessee

Archaeologists Marsha Welch and Lauren Walls presented this research at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) Meeting last November in Nashville. We are very fortunate that Marsha will be providing this excellent presentation for our Society meeting next Thursday. Below is the abstract describing their investigations:

In the Winter of 2015, New South Associates investigated a bypass route south of the town of Bolivar, Tennessee. The proposed route of the corridor was to pass an area marked on a 1923 county map as "Fort". The town was held by Union Forces from 1862 – 1863. Not only did the Phase I survey uncover a cluster of rifle pits, but artifacts found during the metal detector survey spurred archival research that led to a trove of primary source information about the previously unknown fort, contraband labor, and espionage during the Union occupation of the town.

See you Thursday, Mark



**Smithsonian Institute
Online Catalog**

<http://collections.si.edu/search/>

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Tennessee Archaeology Network – Online Journal

<http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TNARCH/index.html>

Tennessee Division of Archaeology - Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/TNArchaeology>

National Archives

<http://www.archives.gov/>

Tennessee State Library and Archives

<http://sos.tn.gov/tsla>

Regimental Files – Battle of Stones River – NPS

<https://www.nps.gov/stri/learn/historyculture/regfiles.htm>

Archaeology Fieldwork

<http://www.archaeologyfieldwork.com/AFW/>

Thunderbird Atlatl

<http://www.thunderbirdatlatl.com/>



Old Stone Fort Atlatl Event – May 6-8, 2016

This Weekend

<http://state.tn.us/environment/parks/OldStoneFort/> - 931-723-5073

Tennessee State Parks – Events Calendar -

<http://tnstateparks.com/events>

Kit Carson's Knap-In and Native Arts Festival - May 13-15, 2016

http://www.flintknappers.com/fliers/kit_carson_2016.pdf